

REMARKS

Claims 25-55 are pending in the application, with claims 25, 26, 28-30, 32-36, 38-42, 48, and 50-55 rejected, and claims 27, 31, 37, 43-47, and 49 withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 50-55.

Claims 25, 26, 28-30, 32-36, 38-42, 48, and 50-55 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 30-59 of copending application no. 10/570,924. In response, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimed, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

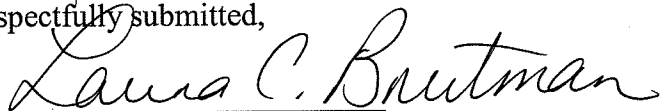
Claims 25, 26, 28-30, 32-36, 38-42, 48, 54, and 55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The amendments to the claims are believed to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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